GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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CULTIVATION OF SOYABEEN AND SUNFLOWER
LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the area under the cultivation of soyabeen and sunflower is increasing constantly in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan;

(b) if so, whether the improved seeds of soyabeen developed through research are available whereas the improved seeds of sunflower are not available;

(c) if so, the quantity of soyabeen and sunflower being produced in the two States at present;

(d) whether the Government have any scheme to increase the production; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): In case of soybean, the area is showing almost increasing trend in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan, whereas under sunflower the area is decreasing in both the States due to drought conditions prevailing since 1999-2000.

(b): Soybean and sunflower improved seed varieties developed/released for the State of Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan are as under:

MADHYA PRADESH

CROP	VARIETY
Soybean	NRC-37(Ahilya), JS90-41, JS93-05, MAUS 47, MAUS 61-2
Sunflower	MLSFH-47(AH-II-34, Sideshwar (LS 11), AASFH-11 (H), KBSH-44

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Soybean	NRC(Ahilya 4), JS-93-05, MAUS 47, MAUS 61-2
Sunflower	SUNGENE-85(H), PAC-36(H), PAC-1091 (H), AASFH-11(H), KBSH-44

(c): The quantity of soybean and sunflower produced in the two States during 2001-02 is as under:

MADHYA PRADESH

CROP	Qunatity in Lakh tonnes
Soyabean	36.24
Sunflower	0.01

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Soybean	7.16
Sunflower	NIL

(d) & (e): A Centrally Sponsored Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) is underimplementation in both the States to increase the production of all 9 cultivable oilseed crops including soybean and sunflower. Under the scheme, financial assistance by way of subsidies on various inputs is given to the farmers in order to motivate them to take up the cultivation of oilseeds including soybean and sunflower on large scale.